

PAINSCASTLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1971

Officials:-

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PAINSCASTLE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
(Radnorshire)

Report of the Medical Officer of Health

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Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report upon the sanitary conditions and state of the public health in the Rural District of Painscastle during the year 1971.

In this report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding public health and preventive medicine and have included comments on all the subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/72(Wales) issued by the Health Department of the Welsh Office.

SECTION 1. GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

Area 31,414 acres.

<u>Population</u>	Census 1931	.....	2,149
	" 1951	.....	1,790
	" 1961	.....	1,736
	" 1971	.....	1,495
	Estimated Mid-summer 1971	.....	1,430

The Registrar General's estimated population for the last 10 years was:-

<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
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1,710	1,690	1,690	1,650	1,620	1,630	1,620	1,610	1,590	1,570
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Inhabited Houses

The number of inhabited houses in the district was 598 giving an average number of 2.5 persons per house.

Live Births

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 population</u>
Legitimate	11	7	18	
Illegitimate	2	0	2	
	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>20</u>	14.0

The local adjusted birthrate was 18.1

The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 16.0

The district rate was therefore higher than the national average.

Still Births

There were no still births registered in 1971.

Deaths

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 population</u>
	12	5	17	11.9

The local adjusted death rate was 10.7

The corresponding rate for England and Wales was 11.6

The district rate was therefore slightly lower than the national average.

Infant Deaths

No deaths were recorded in children under one year of age.

Maternal Deaths

No deaths could be attributed to childbirth or abortion in 1971.

Analysis of Causes of Deaths

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	.....	1	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	.....	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	.....	1	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	.....	5	1
Other forms of Heart Disease	.....	2	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	.....	-	1
Bronchitis and Emphysema	.....	1	-
All other accidents	.....	1	-
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	.....	1	-
		<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>

SECTION 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

Public Health Officers The Public Health Inspector is Mr. Wm. D. Morgans who holds the appointment jointly with Hay Rural and Hay Urban District Councils.

Laboratory Facilities Laboratory facilities are available at Hereford and Carmarthen. Water samples are sent to the Public Health Laboratory, County Hospital Hereford, for bacteriological examination. Any investigations required in the control of infectious diseases are also carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Hereford.

Nursing and Other Facilities The Radnorshire County Council is responsible for these services. The County Council also administer the maternity and child welfare clinics where treatment is available for minor ailments, dental, eye and orthopaedic defects. Immunisation against diphtheria, polio-myelitis and whooping-cough is also carried out at these clinics.

Hospitals The hospital needs of the district for all diseases, apart from infectious diseases, are provided for at the County and General Hospitals in Hereford. A few cases are also admitted to Brecon and Llandrindod Wells Hospitals. Hereford and Merthyr Tydfil Isolation Hospitals receive cases of infectious disease.

Post-Mortem Facilities Post-mortem examinations are performed by the Pathologist at Hereford County Hospital.

SECTION 3. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water Supplies

The Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board is responsible for the water supplies in the district. Water is extracted from Llanbwchllyn Lake and the River Wye at Llyswen; fully treated at the Purification Plants and supplied to the mains throughout the district.

The following samples were taken by the Public Health Inspector from the public mains serving the villages of the district and the results were as follows:-

<u>Point of Sampling</u>	<u>Total number taken</u>	<u>Analyses of Samples</u>	
		<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Clyro village	2	2	-
Llowes village	2	2	-
Glasbury village	2	2	-

Samples were also taken from two private sources and these were both satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewerage

The position with regard to public sewerage for the district was as follows:-

Llowes Village

The Council signed a contract with Messrs Lines Bros(Abergavenny) Ltd for the laying of sewers and the construction of a sewage disposal works for this village. The contract was satisfactorily completed during the year and all property owners were informed that they should arrange for connecting their drains to the new sewers.

Clyro Village

The Council signed a contract with Beechwood Construction Ltd. for the laying of sewers and the construction of a sewage disposal works for this village. The contractors commenced work in August 1971 and good progress has been maintained. The completion date for the scheme being 9th. May 1972.

Painscastle Village

The Council's Consulting Engineers prepared and submitted amended drawings for the sewage disposal works for this village so that it could deal with double the existing number of properties to take into account possible future development in the village.

The Radnorshire County Council and the Wye River Authority approved the revised proposals.

The District Valuer continued his negotiations with the landowner for purchase of the land required for the sewage disposal works. Purchase of the site was delayed for some time due to change of ownership, but it was anticipated that terms would be agreed at an early date, so that tenders could be obtained and work commenced during 1972.

General

A sewage works maintenance team is employed by the Council, jointly with Hay Rural and Hay Urban District Councils, comprising two workmen with small van fitted out with the necessary tools and equipment for regular maintenance of all sewage disposal works. The emptying of the tanks and cesspools is undertaken by a local contractor.

Public Convenience at Glasbury

The Council approved the erection of a public convenience in the village of Glasbury, tenders were obtained and a contract signed with Messrs Howells & Jones. Work was commenced on the erection of the building in 1971.

Number of inspections made to drainage work	.....	14.
Number of Preliminary Notices served	.....	1.

Public Cleansing

The refuse collection service is undertaken by the Council's workmen and lorry jointly with Hay Rural and Hay Urban District Councils under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector; the refuse being disposed of by controlled tipping on the Clyro refuse tip. Refuse is collected once weekly in the parishes of Clyro, Llowes, Glasbury, Boughrood and Llanstephan, and monthly in the parishes of Bryngwyn, Llandilo-Graban, Llanbedr-Painscastle and Llandewifach.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

The sanitary inspection of the area is undertaken by the Public Health Inspector and the following details give information for 1971:-

Nuisances

Number of complaints received	14.
Number of complaints investigated	14.
Number of premises inspected	11.
Number of premises re-visited	4.
Number of Preliminary Notices served	1.
Number of Abatement Notices served	0.

Verminous Premises (excluding rats and mice)

Number of cases investigated	0.
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Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Licensed Premises

There are 5 licensed Inns/Hotels in the district.

Number of inspections made	9.
Number of Preliminary Notices served	0.

Caravan Sites

There are two licensed caravan sites in the district as follows:-

- (1). Fforest Cwm Farm, Clyro, for 3 residential and 26 holiday caravans.
- (2). Harbour Farm, Newchurch, for 15 holiday caravans.

The site at Harbour Farm, which was originally licensed for up to 12 holiday caravans, received planning permission during the year for an increase up to 15 holiday caravans and the Site Licence was amended accordingly.

Both the above sites are fully equipped with toilet and washing facilities

Number of inspections made to caravan sites in 1971	10.
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A site at Castle Farm, Painscastle, has been granted "outline" planning permission for a maximum of 10 holiday and touring caravans and another site at Pendre Farm, Painscastle, has also been granted "outline" planning permission for a maximum of 20 holiday and touring caravans. Neither of these sites had been brought into use during 1971.

Rodent Control

The Rodent Operator employed by the Council, jointly with Hay Rural and Hay Urban District Councils, retired from full-time service on 23rd April 1970 on reaching the age of 65. He has since been employed on a temporary part-time basis (two days per week) and the following details give information of his work in 1971 and two previous years.

	1969	1970	1971
Number of premises inspected	319	166	103
Number of premises found infested	94	52	37
Number of premises treated by the Rodent Operator	69	30	21
Number of premises treated by the Occupier	25	22	16
Estimated number of rats killed	635	293	175
Number of dead rats picked up	144	69	30

SECTION 4. HOUSING

The Council own 51 houses including the 8 Old People's bungalows at Glasbury and one old cottage in the village of Llowes.

Housing Site at Boughrood

The Council accepted a tender from Drury South Western Limited for the erection of two 3-bedroom houses and four 2-bedroom bungalows together with 6 garages, sewage disposal works, service road etc. on the old railway station site at Boughrood. The tender was approved by the Welsh Office and work will be commenced during 1972.

Housing Site at Llowes

The Council accepted a tender from Drury South Western Limited for the erection of three 3-bedroom houses and two 2-bedroom bungalows together with 5 garages, service road etc. in the village of Llowes. The tender was approved by the Welsh Office and work will be commenced during 1972.

Housing Site at Clyro

The Council purchased a field in the village of Clyro (1.43 acres) for the erection of 14 houses, and Radnorshire County Council granted approval for the layout drawings.

The Council accepted a tender from Drury South Western Limited for the erection of the fourteen 3-bedroom houses together with 14 garages, service road etc., and details were submitted to the Welsh Office for approval of the tender. Work is expected to commence in 1972.

Private Housing

The Council has set aside part of their Housing Site at Boughrood for 3 private dwellings and these will be sold to private developers.

There were 8 private dwellings erected in the District during 1971 making a total of 58 private dwellings erected since 1946.

Housing Grants

Nine applications for Discretionary Grants were approved during the year for a total of £9,368. Three applications for Standard Grant were also approved for a maximum figure of £1,043.

The following Table shows the number of applications received by the Council for Housing Grants over the past years:-

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Discretionary Grants	3	2	0	1	6	9
Standard Grants	12	12	7	3	8	3

Housing Applications

There were 31 applicants on the Council's "waiting list" for houses and bungalows at the 31st. December 1971 and these showed preference for the following parishes:-

Parish	Number of applicants
Clyro	12
Llowes	2
Glasbury	10
Boughrood	6
Bryngwyn	1
	<u>31</u>

Six of the applicants were elderly people requiring bungalows at Glasbury

Housing Act 1957

(1). Number of houses demolished	0.
(2). Number of unfit houses closed	0.
(3). Number of unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied	1.
(4). Number of unfit houses in temporary use	0.
(5). Number of unfit houses at the end of 1971	17.

Housing General

Number of housing inspections made by the P.H.I.	29.
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SECTION 5. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Meat

There is one slaughterhouse in the district situated in the village of Boughrood and owned by Mr. H. Williams.

Number of inspections at the slaughterhouse 94.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed and inspected	57	0	336	89	0
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis	1.8	0	0	0	0
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0

Meat Inspection (Amendment) Regulations 1966

In accordance with the requirements of these Regulations the Council has approved the following days and times for slaughtering:-

Mondays: 8.30 am. to 5.0 pm.

Tuesdays: 8.30 am. to 5.0 pm.

Fridays: 2.0 pm. to 5.0 pm.

Meat Inspection Regulations 1963

The Council has levied the maximum charge permitted under these Regulations for animals inspected at the slaughterhouse:-

2s. 6d. per beast (other than a calf)

9d. per calf or pig.

6d. per sheep or lamb.

Milk

There are two milk dealers trading in the district who sell T.T. pasteurised and sterilised milk; both operating from dairies outside the district. One of the dealers has a dairy in Hay Urban District and the other in Brecon Borough. The County Council is the authority responsible for registering dealers and taking milk samples.

Ice-cream Premises

There are 4 premises registered for the sale of pre-packed ice-cream.
Number of inspections to ice-cream premises 6.
No samples were taken during the year.

Food Preparation Rooms

There is one butcher's shop in the district.
Number of inspections made during 1971 94.
There are no bakehouses in the district.

Fried Fish Shops

There are no fish and chip shops in the district.

Food Hygiene(General) Regulations 1960

There are 6 shops which deal in food in the district and these can be classified as follows:-

Grocers (General)	.....	4.
Confectioners/Tobacconists	....	1.
Butchers	.....	1.

No foodstuffs from shops were condemned during the year.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

Number of inspections to premises during 1971 8.

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

SECTION 6. PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There was one case of scarlet fever reported during the year.
There were no other cases of infectious diseases reported in 1971.

Venereal Disease

The County Council has an agreement with the County Hospital at Hereford for the treatment of such cases.

Diphtheria Immunisation and Polio-myelitis Vaccination

The County Council is responsible for the immunisation of children against diphtheria and polio-myelitis and details for the district will be found in the Annual Report of the County Medical Officer.

Facilities for immunisation and vaccination are available at the clinic in Hay-on-Wye owned by Breconshire County Council and at the surgeries of the medical practitioners in the area.

Yours faithfully,

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APPENDIX

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1971 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF PAINSCASTLE IN THE COUNTY OF RADNOR.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspection (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	7	4	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	7	4	-	-

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found:-

No defects were found in the premises listed above during the year 1971.

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork
(Sections 133 and 134)

There was no outwork done in the district during the year.

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